

REMARKS

Applicants submit this amendment for consideration prior to action on the pending claims. Applicants submit that the new claims presented above are fully supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

The paragraph at page 2, line 7 has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation [application] under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of [copending] United States [Patent] Application [Serial] No. 09/465,637 filed on December 17, 1999, now Patent No. 6,238,551, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/250,741 filed on February 16, 1999, now Patent No. 6,007,701, and a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/265,903 filed on March 10, 1999 [copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/250,741 filed on February 16, 1999, and copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/265,903 filed on March 24, 1999].